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INTRODUCTION

This is the twentieth annual Lancaster County Vital Statistics Report published by the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. This report contains vital statistics data for the 1997 calendar year. In addition to birth and death statistics, this report contains 1997 marriage and divorce data for Lancaster County. Information contained in this report was compiled from the vital records of the State of Nebraska and furnished to Lancaster County by the Section of Data Management, Nebraska Health and Human Services System.

Historical data, Year 2000 Objectives, and data for Nebraska have been used where relevant to show trends and comparisons. Birth and mortality rates are calculated using population estimates from the U.S. Census. The 1997 population of Lancaster County was estimated at 233,319.

Data provided by the Nebraska Birth Defects Registry were used to examine trends of congenital anomalies and their distribution by age and race of the mother. The Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9) was used in classifying the causes of death.

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